

II. REMARKS**A. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintained his rejection of claims 1, 10, 18, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, asserting that the claims are indefinite due to the use of the word "sample."

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 1, 10, 18, 19 and 20 have been rewritten and no longer recite the word "sample". It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

B. Status of Claims

Claims 1-23, 25-26, and 29 are pending. Claims 24, 27-28, and 30-38 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 10, 18, 19 and 20 have been amended.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the pending rejection be withdrawn. It is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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